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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: E. Colbert
MITSUMASA SUGIYAMA)
: Group Art Unit: 3624
Application No.: 09/161,401)
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Filed: September 28, 1998)
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For: DATABASE SYSTEM, ITS)
CONTROL METHOD, AND)
INFORMATION)
PROCESSING APPARATUS : December 17, 2003

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action in the above-identified application, a Notice Of Appeal having been timely filed on July 31, 2003, for three months from September 30, 2003 to December 31, 2003.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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